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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 26 and 40 to 69 are currently pending. Claims 1 to 7, 9, 11 to 22, 24, 25, 40 to 49 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,556,445 (Medina), alone or in combination with United States Patent No. 6,364,709 (Jones). Claims 10, 23, 26, 50 to 62, 65 and 66 have been allowed, and claims 8, 63, 64 and 67 to 69 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Enclosed are signed declarations under 37 CFR 1.131 from the inventors Chiu, Pang, Sim, Pair and Tan attesting to the fact that they invented the present invention prior to the filing date of the Medina reference in the United States and Singapore, thereby "swearing behind" the cited reference. The exhibits referenced in the enclosed declarations are of record being filed August 31, 2004, accompanying previously submitted declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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